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TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

At a public meeting of the citizens of Clarksville, presided over by Maj. G. A. Henry, held at the Court House yesterday evening to express their appreciation of the services, and respect for the memory, of Mr. R. W. THOMAS, the full proceedings of which were unable to give the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

The mortal remains of ROBERT W. THOMAS, the veteran editor of Tennessee, have been gently laid in the just, in accordance with the judgment of his Creator. That thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return. Kind friends performed the last sad office, and with sighs and tears consigned these remains to sacred repose "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

The dust of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him.

It is according to the order of nature and the appointment of the Creator that the brief period of one hundred years shall bring the still waters of oblivion upon the present living world.

ROBERT W. THOMAS has been blessed with an active life during sixty-eight years, and though originally of a delicate physical organization, his determined purpose to meet every emergency in life upheld him, and his strength of mind supplemented the deficiencies of his body and bore him through life with the possession of health and strength.

Therefore in laying him down to his last resting place with feelings of sorrow we bid farewell to our friend, yet we desire to honor his grave with a chapel; of laurel, as one who had a brave mind and in the battle of life came out victorious.

Wedded in early life to a beautiful and accomplished lady, he laid the foundation of a family, which was the chief charm of his life. Having a fine education and an active mind fully stored with the riches of modern literature, he was a man of great attainments and a high order of intellect.

As an instructor of the public he was able and efficient, and during his long public life he gave assurance of his unswerving devotion to the cause of education. During the years he published some works of fiction—as "The Young Colonel," and other stories—which evinced a very high order of genius. His works were composed during the minutes snatched from a busy life, and all his care and labor were centered in his paper the "Chronicle," which he conducted with the weight of his influence and the impress of his genius.

His labors are finished. "The silver cord is loosed—the golden bowl is broken—the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel is broken at the cistern." Let the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit return unto God who gave it!

Resolved, That in the loss of ROBERT W. THOMAS, Senior Editor of the CHRONICLE, the community has lost an able and earnest servant, a friend and a leader, and a faithful advocate of popular rights and republican government, and an enterprising and enlightened citizen. We as a community, therefore, sympathize with the bereaved family, and assure them that we feel the loss of our leader in their opinion and our guide in affairs of State.

Resolved, That to his bereaved widow we offer all we can give, our unfeigned sympathy and this testimony to the character of a distinguished man.

R. W. HUMPHREYS, W. A. QUARLES, H. M. DOAK, J. E. BAILEY, Committee.

At a meeting of the citizens of Montgomery county held at the Court House, on Saturday last, Mr. Ed. L. Williams was called to the chair and briefly stated the objects of the meeting. Mr. Doak then offered, as expressive of the sense of the meeting, the following resolutions, which were adopted:

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